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Update on National Registry Testing for BLS Providers

The EMS Board has created a Committee on National Registry (NREMT) testing to review Maryland's experience over the last year with the use of NREMT testing for initial certification of EMR and EMT providers. The use of NREMT testing began in 2014 as the last step in Maryland's multi-year effort to meet National EMS education and testing standards. The Committee is comprised of members of the EMS Board, MIEMSS, Maryland State Firemen's Association (MSFA), Maryland Fire Rescue Institute (MFRI), as well as representatives from Maryland's educational programs.

MIEMSS is very aware of the issues and concerns surrounding the transition to NREMT testing for initial certification of Basic Life Support providers in Maryland. MIEMSS is committed to assisting students in completing the process of registering and scheduling the NREMT exam and to assisting Maryland's educational programs in preparing students to be successful in passing the exam. Working with our partners, MSFA and MFRI, our goal is to improve the Maryland pass rates by ensuring our students are properly trained and prepared so they can become EMS providers who render the excellent level of prehospital care to our citizens that made Maryland a national model for trauma and emergency care. MIEMSS is working hard to

help reach this goal. Here is an update on our recent activities:

- In addition to paying for the first test, MIEMSS will pay the NREMT testing fee for a subsequent NREMT for EMT students who are affiliated and failed the NREMT, provided that the student successfully completes an approved Test Preparation Course (see below) or an approved remediation course.
- MIEMSS is assisting in the development, adoption, and dissemination of a Test Preparation Course for students who did not successfully pass the test. The Test Preparation Course, based on a successful course developed by Howard County Fire and Rescue Services, will include instruction in test-taking techniques that can improve test performance. The "Best Practices Committee," comprised of educational programs, is working to finalize the Test Preparation Course. The Committee was formed from the Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC) BLS Subcommittee.
- MIEMSS has improved and streamlined access to NREMT testing. We have worked to open more test sites throughout the state; there are

- now 16 testing sites in Maryland (see map on pg. 6), and Montgomery County Training Academy will open the 17th site in the next 30 days. The test registration process is outlined on the MIEMSS website.
- MIEMSS has written to each EMT student who is eligible to test **but who has not yet filed a test application with NREMT** to offer personal one-on-one assistance with filing the application. Those needing assistance should call MIEMSS at 800-762-7157 or 410-706-3666.
- MIEMSS has written to each EMT student **who has filed an application with NREMT and received an Authorization to Test notification** but who has not yet registered to test. We are offering personal one-on-one assistance with registering for the test. Those needing assistance should call MIEMSS at 800-762-7157 or 410-706-3666.

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Members of the Washington County Department of Emergency Services (left) and Sharpsburg EMS in Washington County (right) each received a framed, matted cover of the 2015 Maryland Protocols for EMS Providers from Dr. Richard L. Alcorta, State EMS Medical Director, for their participation in the photograph.

Update on National Registry Testing for BLS Providers

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- MIEMSS met with all Maryland educational programs on October 27, 2015, to discuss use of best practices to benefit all students and ways to facilitate test registration and scheduling, including group scheduling. MIEMSS is encouraging teaching programs and instructors to be a resource to help aid in this process.
- MIEMSS is monitoring Maryland Educational Program Pass rates. Programs with rates below the National NREMT average pass rates will be required to identify how they will improve their pass rates. This information will be reported to the EMS Board.

Working cooperatively with all partners, the EMS Board and MIEMSS are committed to ensuring the highest level of prehospital emergency care to the citizens of Maryland.

MIEMSS Safety Corner

Seasonal influenza – what you can do to prevent it from visiting your home!

As the seasonal flu season is rapidly approaching, here are several tips to help decrease your chances of catching the virus. As EMS professionals, we are predisposed to caring for those that may be suffering from the flu. By taking a few steps to protect yourself, hopefully you can save a few sick days for you and your family.

Tips to prevent the flu:

- Get the flu vaccine!
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough and sneeze. Alcohol based hand cleaners are effective if soap and water is not available.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue. Dispose of the tissue in a no-touch trash receptacle.
- Catch your coughs and sneezes with your elbow and upper sleeve, not your hand, if you do not have a tissue.
- The virus spreads through contact with your eyes, nose, or mouth. Avoid touching these areas.
- Continue to use good droplet precaution measures, gloves, and a mask if you can't mask your patient.
- Disinfect any surfaces that patients' droplets may have come into contact with.

Symptoms of the flu virus may include fever, chills, cough, runny nose, body aches, headache, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, and sore throat.

HIPAA Tips for EMS Leadership

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) will be selecting 300 entities for HIPAA audits to review both covered entities and business associates in the coming months, with an emphasis on smaller entities. In a timely move, the October 2015 Baltimore Compliance Forum sponsored by the American Health Lawyers Association has provided a number of HIPAA tips.

Areas of focus of the audits are expected to be breach notification compliance, patients' access to electronic protected health information, and individual rights under HIPAA according to health care attorneys Patricia Markus and Ken Miller.

Given the substantial number of covered entities and business associates throughout the country, the chances of being audited are small. However, regardless of whether you are audited, a compliance checkup is a sound idea.

The forum presenters offered the following readiness points for covered entities:

1. Have HIPAA policies and procedures documented and showing they have been reviewed at least once since 2007. Previous versions must be retained for six years.
2. Be ready to identify your business associates and produce copies of updated business associate agreements with all of your business associates.
3. Be able to show annual HIPAA training of your workforce has taken place.
4. Make sure the required Notice of Privacy Practices is up-to-date and in use.
5. Be able to show you have completed a comprehensive security risk analysis. Retain a summary and detailed report of the analysis.
6. Maintain records of investigation of suspected breaches of HIPAA security, the results of the investigation, and notification activity if required.



On September 25, 2015, Lieutenant Keith A. McMinn, Commander of Helicopter Field Operations, Maryland State Police Aviation Command, received his Master's Degree from the Naval Postgraduate School Center Homeland Defense and Security in Monterey, California. This challenging program is quite an accomplishment to complete.

Maryland Ambulance Strike Teams Deploy for Pontiff Visit

Maryland EMS resources supported Pope Francis' visit to the City of Philadelphia in September 2015. Because of the large public gathering during his visit, Philadelphia officials requested 100 additional ambulances to support their operations. Maryland provided two Ambulance Strike Teams in response to this request.

The teams that deployed were comprised of EMS units and personnel from Baltimore City Fire/EMS, Butler Medical Transport, Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company, LifeStar Response, and MIEMSS. A total of 62 Maryland providers, 13 ambulances, and 5 support vehicles participated in the mission.

The Maryland teams deployed on Friday, September 25, and operated on 12-hour shifts until Sunday night. The teams were positioned at the main medical tent during most of the deployment. MIEMSS would like to thank each of the jurisdictions and companies that deployed resources, as well as the Baltimore Regional Incident Management Team, which assisted with planning for the mission.

MIEMSS Lends Support to Mock Exercises and Annual Airshow

Members of the 79th Medical Wing at Joint Base Andrews teamed up with the Prince George's County Fire/EMS department and MIEMSS to prepare for their annual airshow in September. The airshow was preceded by two mass casualty incident management exercises as well as a number of classroom training sessions. Mock patients were triaged, treated, and transported to local hospitals by both ground and air assets. Response and command units from the 79th Medical Group; Joint Base Andrews Fire Department; Prince George's, Calvert, and Anne Arundel Counties; Maryland State Police Aviation Command; and MIEMSS Regional Programs were on scene during the event and supported a successful and safe airshow for the over 100,000 citizens in attendance.



Participants carry an injured "patient" to the triage area during a mock exercise in Prince George's County in September 2015. Photo courtesy of Jonathan Bratt.



Ambulance Strike Team units gather to begin their deployment for Philadelphia on September 25. Photo Courtesy of Jeffrey Huggins.



Maryland team members of the Philadelphia deployment gather for a brief photo op. Photo Courtesy of Jeffrey Huggins.



Pope Francis makes his way down the Benjamin Franklin Parkway during one of the papal parades in Philadelphia. Photo courtesy of Ken Sanner, BCFD.

Maryland Ambulance Service Wins National Award

Calvert Advanced Life Support was recently awarded the 2015 Volunteer EMS Service of the Year, a National EMS Award of Excellence, which is awarded jointly by the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) and EMS World.

Calvert ALS is based in Prince Frederick, Maryland, and serves as the sole ALS asset providing 100% volunteer emergency medical services to the citizens of Calvert County. It is one of nine departments providing fire, rescue, and EMS to the community through the tiered response in partnership with seven departments providing basic life support and transport units. The department responds to 5,000 calls for service a year and consists of approximately 72 ALS and 60 BLS providers. Calvert ALS has an on-site training space and simulation laboratory available to members 24/7. The agency also has a Paramedic Early Intervention Program (PEIP) that places ALS gear on every BLS unit in the county, thus enabling paramedics to respond from any fire station on the ambulance and instantly upgrade the transport unit to the level of ALS. Calvert ALS participates in countywide and mandated online safety training courses and has a designated infection control officer.



Members of the Calvert ALS receive their award for 2015 Volunteer EMS Service of the Year. Photo courtesy of Jonathan Bratt.

The award was presented at NAEMT's General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, September 16, in Las Vegas, Nevada, and at the EMS World Expo's opening ceremony on September 17.

PRMC's Topics in Trauma Celebrates 25th Annual Conference

Peninsula Regional Medical Center celebrated its 25th Annual Topics in Trauma Conference on September 18, 2015. The conference had approximately 230 participants, including vendors, speakers, staff, and registrants. The conference offers nurses and EMS providers from Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware an opportunity to come together and learn about new research, skills, and evidenced-based practices in trauma from some of the region's best medical professionals.

Dr. Tom Chiccone, Region IV Medical Director and Talbot County Medical Director, opened the conference with a general session focused on changes in backboarding protocols for EMS and emergency departments. Dr. Kevin Seaman, MIEMSS Executive Director, followed with a general session on video laryngoscopy and how new technology can assist providers stabilize airways. Conference breakout sessions included a presentation on pediatric trauma management by Dr. Steven White, Dorchester County Medical Director, and trends in orthopedic trauma by Paramedic Charles Dolan. Additional sessions covered the unique needs of a pregnant trauma patient and managing penetrating neck trauma.

The conference ended with a moving general session on "caring for our own" presented jointly by Dr. Theodore Manson, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, and Rebecca Witzke and Shannon Flood, PRMC registered nurses. The presentation chronicled how the PRMC trauma unit pulled together to stabilize and transfer a PRMC nurse's daughter who had been involved in a serious motor vehicle crash, and also how the Shock Trauma Center uses early orthopedic stabilization techniques to manage life-threatening injuries.

John Barto, MIEMSS Region IV Administrator, was recognized at the conference by PRMC and MIEMSS for his service and dedication to the PRMC Topics in Trauma planning team for all 25 years.

Licensure and Certification TIDBIT

- Q.** I have extended my Maryland ALS certification. However, this is the first time I have needed to do so, and I'm not sure what to do next. What information is required and by what date?
- A.** Your extension is valid for six months from your current state expiration date. By October 31, 2015, if you are an ALS provider with current national registry (NR) certification, you must submit a renewal application along with a copy of your NR certification. ALS providers without NR certification must submit an application along with proof of the required 72 hours of continuing education. The forms you need are available on the MIEMSS website by clicking "Documents" then "EMS Forms." You may also call 800-762-7157 for assistance.

Smartphone App Launches in Howard County to Save Lives through CPR

The Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services (HCDFRS) held a press conference on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, to introduce a new smartphone app designed to help save more lives from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). The PulsePoint app empowers the layperson to provide life-saving assistance to SCA victims. Members of the community who are trained in CPR, and are willing to assist in case of an emergency, can now be notified through PulsePoint if someone nearby is having a cardiac emergency and may require CPR. If the cardiac emergency is in a public place, the app will alert trained community members in the vicinity of the need for bystander CPR. This will happen at the same time EMS care is dispatched. The app also uses maps to direct these community rescuers to the exact location of the closest publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Howard County is the first jurisdiction in Maryland to launch the app.



Dr. Kevin Seaman, MIEMSS Executive Director, addressed the group noting that apps like this, as well as other innovative techniques and approaches such as the MIEMSS AED Registry, are committed to improving outcomes from sudden cardiac arrest. Pictured from left to right are HCDFRS Fire Chief John S. Butler, Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman, Dr. Seaman, HCDFRS Medical Director Dr. Matthew Levy, SCA survivor Mike Greenhill, and Marc Crumback, a bystander who helped save a life by performing CPR.

Hot Topics in Pediatrics

The Maryland EMS for Children Department at MIEMSS, with faculty from Children's National Health System and University of Maryland Medical Center, is offering a Hot Topics in Pediatrics Seminar featuring:

- Pediatric Case Reviews
- Ouch – It Hurts! Pediatric Pain Assessment and Management in the Field
- Spinal Immobilization vs. Spinal Protection - What the Kids Need You to Know
- Sticks, Stones, and Broken Bones: Pediatric Injuries

Lunch will be provided as part of the registration fee.

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2015, 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Location: Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Department,
3170 W Ward Rd., Dunkirk, MD, 20754

CEUs: 5.5 EMS CE credits

Cost: \$20.00

To register, please visit www.mdemsc-pediatric-seminar.eventbrite.com. Deadline to Register is November 6, 2015. For additional information on this seminar, please contact the EMS for Children Department at 410-706-1758 or via email at pepp@miemss.org.



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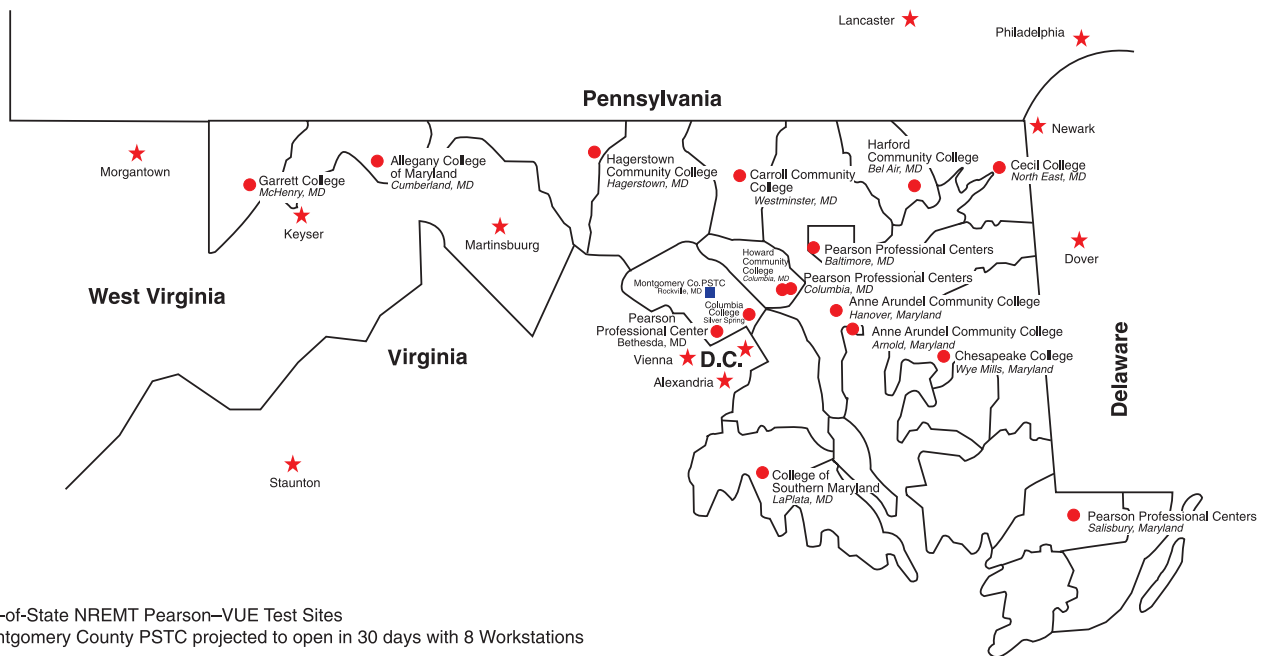
January 28–31, 2016

Harrison's Chesapeake House -
Tilghman Island, Maryland

Join us for a fun and relaxing
weekend of quality education!

*Click here for information and
registration*

NREMT Pearson–VUE Maryland Test Sites



Anne Arundel Community College
 7556 Teague Rd
 Room 310
 Hanover, Maryland 21076

Garrett College
 687 Mosser Road
 ROOM TC 305
 McHenry, Maryland 21541

Pearson Professional Centers
 3108 Lord Baltimore Dr
 Suite 103
 Baltimore, Maryland 21244

Pearson Professional Centers
 4350 East West Highway
 Suite 525
 Bethesda Towers
 Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Pearson Professional Centers
 9891 Broken Land Parkway
 Suite 108
 Columbia, Maryland 21046

Pearson Professional Centers
 1315 Mt. Hermon Road
 Suite B
 Salisbury, Maryland 21804

Allegany College of MD
 12401 Willowbrook Rd, SE
 Continue Ed Bldg
 RM CE15
 Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Anne Arundel Community College
 101 College Pkwy
 Building: Student Union
 Room: 240
 Arnold, Maryland 21012

Cecil College
 One Seahawk Drive
 North East, Maryland 21901

College of Southern Maryland
 8730 Mitchell Rd
 LR Building
 Room # 114
 La Plata, Maryland 20646

Hagerstown Community College
 11400 Robinwood Drive
 Learning Resource Center
 Room 322.
 (3 story building closest to entrance)
 Hagerstown, Maryland 21742

Harford Community College
 401 Thomas Run Road
 Edgewood Hall
 Bel Air, Maryland 21015

Carroll Community College
 1601 Washington Road
 Testing Center
 Room A132
 Westminster, Maryland 21157

Chesapeake College
 1000 College Circle
 Wye Mills, Maryland 21679

Columbia College
 12125 Veirs Mill Road
 2nd floor
 Silver Spring, Maryland 20906

Howard Community College
 RCF Building, 3rd Floor
 Room 366
 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway
 Columbia, Maryland 21044

The web page to search for NREMT Exam test locations is: <http://www.vue.com/vtclocator/>

Basic Disaster Life Support™ 3.0 Course



The BDLS® course aims to improve the care and coordination of response for disasters and other public health emergencies by developing a common approach and language among multiple disciplines in the health care community. This course targets emergency medical services providers, nurses, physicians, hazardous materials personnel, public health personnel and other health care professionals simultaneously and offers a review of natural disasters, traumatic and explosive, nuclear and radiological, biological and chemical events. Information on the health care professional's role in public health and incident management systems, community mental health and special needs of vulnerable populations is also included in the BDLS course.

COURSE LOCATION

15th Street Fire Station
1409 Philadelphia Avenue
Ocean City, Maryland 21842

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Visit <http://register.ndlsf.org> to register.
Please register early, space is limited!

COURSE DATE

December 6, 2015

TIME:

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

THERE IS NO COST TO THE STUDENT FOR THIS COURSE

Questions: Contact Chris Hyzer

Telephone 410-706-0881

chyzer@miemss.org

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(UMBC)



Winterfest EMS 2016

January 28 – 31, 2016

Harrison's Chesapeake House - Tilghman Island, Maryland
Join Us for a Fun and Relaxing Weekend of Quality Education

Preconference

EMT 12-Hour Skills Refresher

Date: January 28 at 5:30 pm & January 29 at 8:00 am

Location: Tilghman Island Fire Department **Fee:** \$70 (Registration is required.)

For EMTs; complete all your recertification needs with us at WINTERFEST EMS 2016. A 12-hour skills class is available as a preconference followed by 12 hours of continuing education, which, with careful choosing, can meet the 12-hour requirement. **Space is limited. Register early!**

Responding to Emergencies – Children with Special Health Care Needs (7 M/A)

Date: January 29 at 8:00 am

Location: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum – 213 North Talbot Street • St. Michaels, Maryland, 21663

Fee: \$40 (Registration is required.)

Caring for a child with technology-assisted care and special health care needs presents a challenge to most EMS providers. This workshop will offer BLS and ALS providers lectures and hands-on skill stations focused on the ABCs of "Technology-Assisted Care" for children and families in emergency situations. The skill stations include a series of check-off worksheets, which can be taken back to the station for local drills, that help increase psychomotor and problem solving experiences.

Winterfest EMS 2016

Saturday – January 30, 2016

0730–0800 Registration

0800–0815 Welcome

0815–0930 **Maryland EMS: Future Directions (2 M/B)**

Kevin G. Seaman, MD, FACEP
Executive Director, MIEMSS

Maryland EMS is recognized as a system performing at a very high level. Recent developments allow our system to innovate and move forward. Other developments pose challenges. This fast-paced presentation will present some of these topics while allowing dialogue to occur with the conference attendees. Moving the needle on cardiovascular performance and mobile integrated healthcare changes are among the list of issues to be discussed.

0930–1000 **BREAK**

1000–1130 **Austere Medicine: From the Depths of Disasters to the Summit of Mountains (2 T/A)**

Christina Catlett, MD, FACEP
The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Associate Director of the Johns Hopkins Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response (CEPAR)

This session will cover the concept of "austere medicine," which includes the practice of medicine in the wilderness, underdeveloped nations, and disaster settings. Dr. Catlett will discuss the myths and realities of providing medical support in an austere environment. Dr. Catlett has been responsible for coordinating disaster planning and response and integrating those activities with federal, state, and local plans.

1130–1245 **LUNCH WITH VENDORS**

SATURDAY: BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1300 – 1430; REPEAT 1500-1630

A. TCCC – What's In It for Me? (1.5 T/B)

Raymond Fang, MD, FACS

Maryland State Police/Maryland Emergency Director, US Air Force Center for Sustainment of Trauma and Readiness Skills (C-STARS) - Baltimore

Dany Morrieset, BS, NREMT-P, ATP

Attendees will be given an overview of the Tactical Combat Critical Care (TCCC) Course, which introduces evidence-based, lifesaving techniques and strategies for providing trauma care on the battlefield. This session will give insight to the full two-day course being offered in Maryland by the Maryland Committee on Trauma in conjunction with the US Air Force's Center for the Sustainment of Trauma and Readiness Skills (C-STARS).

B. Mangled Extremities: Management of Complicated Orthopedic Injuries (1.5 T/A)

George Ochenjele, MD

Orthopedic Trauma Surgery Fellow, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center/University of Maryland

This session will explore the management of complex orthopedic injuries. We will explore field management and cases involving amputation, near amputation, crush injuries, and more.

C. Transporting Children Safely in Ambulances – Tools, Techniques, and Training (1.5 M/L)

Maryland EMSC

NHTSA released a document in 2012 with specific guidelines on the five situations frequently faced by EMS providers when transporting infants, children, and youth. In the past two years many new devices have been released—only some of which have been tested. This session will include a review of the principles, demonstration of the proper ways to secure devices to a stretcher, and the future testing needed for evidence-based practice.

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D. Rhabdomyolysis: It's Not Just for Athletes (1.5 M/A)

Mary Alice Vanhoy, MSN, RN, CEN, CPEN, NRP, FAEN
UM Shore Emergency Center

Muscle abuse—yes, crush injuries—yes, but there are many more reasons for rhabdomyolysis. Can you list other reasons? After this, you will be able to list at least four more causes.

E. Blood Goes Round and Round: Variations Are Not Good (1.5 T/A)

David Timms, BS, NRP
Kevin Pearl, MD

Talbot County Emergency Services

Hypovolemia is the leading cause of death in the trauma patient. Early recognition of fluid loss with correct interventions can stop the deadly spiral.

F. LVAD: What a Provider Needs to Know (1.5 M/A)

Thomas Chiccone, MD

Talbot County EMS Medical Director

A dizzying array of biotechnological advances confronts the prehospital provider every day. Few are as intimidating as LVADs. This talk will provide a universal approach to every LVAD patient encounter, and prepare the provider for this unique challenge.

1430–1500 **BREAK WITH VENDORS**

1300–1630 **DOUBLE BREAKOUT—DOES NOT REPEAT**

G. Firefighter Down (3 T/L)

Jim Payne

Captain, Baltimore City FD

Firefighters are involved in dangerous situations on a daily basis. During this course attendees will discuss and perform various techniques that will assist in the safe removal of a downed firefighter. During the lecture and hands on practical, students will not only understand the importance of how techniques practiced in Firefighter Safety and Survival help when a “May Day” occurs, but will also learn how to treat various medical injuries that a firefighter may sustain during the incident. Students will become skilled at various techniques such as carries, drags, lifts, high point angle lifts, and below grade lifts.

1630 **CONFERENCE ENDS FOR THE DAY**

**Join Us Back at Harrison's for
Dinner Services Starting at 1800**



Sunday – January 31, 2016

0830–0845 **Registration**

0845–0900 **Welcome**

0900–1015 **Case Studies in Burn Management (1.5 T/A)**

Carrie Cox, MS, RN

Johns Hopkins Burn Center

Burns and their associated injuries present the EMS provider with challenges. Using case studies, we will explore the management of the burn patient across the continuum of care.

1015–1030 **BREAK**

1030–1145 **2016: What's New in the Care Of Newly Born Infants (1.5 M/A)**
Maryland EMSC

Babies are born every day—approximately 4 million a year nationwide and about 11% are premature. Most often, mother nature's plan works smoothly, but 10% of the time the baby will need some support during delivery and in the first few minutes and 1% will require neonatal resuscitation. The 2016 changes in the MIEMSS Protocols refocus the EMS care on the 90% that go well—what to do and what not to do and how to be gentle and patient. This presentation will also include key assessment findings to identify those few times intervention is needed (the when, how, and timing of ABCs for newly born infants).

1145–1245 **LUNCH**

1300–1415 **Mobile Integrated Healthcare: A Team Approach (1.5 M/B)**

Queen Anne's Emergency Services

Queen Anne's Health Department

The intersection of health care, public health, and public safety is a new health care delivery model. There are many models, but on the Eastern Shore, the Queen Anne's County team has developed an integrated program to help those in the community.

1415–1430 **BREAK**

1430–1545 **Ophthalmology in the EMS Setting (1.5 T/A)**

Chimene Richa, MD

University of Maryland Medical System

This course reviews the basic bedside eye exam and concerning findings that indicate emergent disease. The ocular exam can indicate more severe disease processes, requiring higher levels of care or transport to specialty centers. For example, abnormal pupils and/or eye muscle movement difficulties can indicate intracranial pathology, such as a stroke. Globe rupture, orbital fracture, and ocular foreign body management will also be covered, as well as discussion of other ocular emergencies and their emergent management.

1545 **Program Evaluation**

DRIVE CAREFULLY – THANKS FOR COMING – SEE YOU NEXT YEAR



Winterfest EMS 2016

Location:

Winterfest EMS will be held on Tilghman Island with headquarters at Harrison's Chesapeake House. The weekend conference will be held at the Tilghman Elementary School, located at 21374 Foster Road.

Payment and Cancellation Policy:

Preregistration is required. We will be accepting registrations until January 15, 2016, or until the conference is filled—which ever comes first. Walk-in registrations will not be allowed. In the event that payment is not readily available from the registrant's department, registration forms may be submitted with a letter of intent to pay on department letterhead. Otherwise payment of all fees must be included with preregistration. To qualify for the early registration discount, payment must be submitted with registration by January 1, 2016. All students must be paid in full prior to Winterfest, January 30, 2016. There is a \$25 fee for returned checks. Any student with an outstanding balance from any previous Winterfest will not be allowed to participate until their account is paid in full. All requests for cancellations must be made in writing to:

Winterfest EMS, c/o Talbot Co. DES, 29041 Corkran Rd., Easton, MD 21601

Refunds, excluding a \$10 processing fee, will be mailed for cancellations received before January 15, 2016. Cancellation after January 15, 2016, will result in forfeiture of your entire registration fee. Speakers and topics are subject to change.

Accommodations:

WINTERFEST EMS WILL NOT BE TAKING ANY RESERVATIONS.

All reservations must be made by the student. Please contact any hotel directly to reserve and pay for your room. Ask for the **Winterfest** rate from the suggested local lodging:

Harrison's Chesapeake House, (410) 886-2121
Tilghman Island Inn, (410) 886-2141
Lowe's Wharf, (410) 745-6684

****Breakfast at Harrison's is included for those who are staying at the above listed hotels****

Breakfast will be served starting at 6:30 Saturday and 7:00 Sunday; Gratuity not included.

Weather Cancellation:

The Conference Planning Committee will make a decision about cancellation of Winterfest EMS due to severe weather by 12 Noon on January 27. Call Talbot County DES at (410) 820-8311 for details. Written requests for refunds will be accepted within 30 days of cancellation.

Information:

For additional information or registration confirmations, call TCDES at (410) 820-8311, email us at winterfest@talbotdes.org, or contact us through Facebook. The Winterfest EMS Committee is committed to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are able to fully participate in the conference. If you require additional assistance, please call the Winterfest EMS Committee.

Directions:

Traveling from the Bay Bridge and points West:

Take Route 50 East to Easton. Turn right onto the Easton Bypass (Route 322). Turn right at the 4th light (St. Michaels Road, Route 33). Follow road for about 23 miles to Tilghman Island. Once you cross the bridge, Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Department will be on the left; Tilghman Island Elementary School will be on the right; Harrison's Chesapeake House will be on the left on Chesapeake House Drive, just past the school.

Traveling from Ocean City and points East:

Take Route 50 West to Easton. Turn left onto the Easton Bypass (Route 322). Turn left at the 3rd light (St. Michaels Road, Route 33). Follow road for about 23 miles to Tilghman Island. Once you cross the bridge, Tilghman Island Volunteer Fire Department will be on the left; Tilghman Island Elementary School will be on the right; Harrison's Chesapeake House will be on the left on Chesapeake House Drive, just past the school.

To the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (Children with Special Health Care Needs Preconference Location):

213 North Talbot Street, Saint Michaels, MD 21663

Follow directions above to St. Michaels Road, Route 33. Once on St. Michaels Road, travel approximately 9.5 miles in to Saint Michaels. Turn right in to the entrance for the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and follow signs to Museum parking. The class will be held in the Van Lennep Auditorium in the Steamboat Building.



Winterfest EMS 2016

Winterfest EMS 2016 Registration

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Provider #: _____ Email: _____

Certification/Licensure (Circle): EMR EMD EMT CRT Paramedic LPN RN NP PA MD

NEW FOR 2016 – EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

Save \$15 on the 2-Day registration fee.

Registration and payment must be received by January 1, 2016, to receive discount.

PRECONFERENCES

(Select Only One):

- _____ EMT Skills Refresher \$70
- _____ Children With Special Health Care Needs \$40

CONFERENCE FEES:

- _____ Saturday, \$85.00 (choose breakout(s) below)
- _____ Sunday, \$85.00 (general session only)
- _____ Both Days, \$150.00 (choose breakout(s) below)
- _____ Early Registration, \$135.00
2-Day Conference only
(choose breakout(s) below)

SATURDAY BREAKOUT SESSIONS (choose one for each session OR double breakout):

- First Session – A B C D E F
- Second Session – A B C D E F
- Double Breakout – G

Dinner at Harrison's Chesapeake House, Tilghman Island, MD

Rates are per person and DO NOT include gratuity.

- ___ Friday Night Dinner Only, \$35
- ___ Saturday Night Dinner Only, \$35
- ___ Friday and Saturday, \$65 (rate only available for 2-night package)



Total Amount Due \$ _____ = Preconference Fees + Conference Fees + Meal Cost (as applicable)

Make checks payable to **Winterfest EMS**. Reservations are due by **January 15, 2016**. Meal fees must be included with registration. Send check, along with this form, to Winterfest EMS, c/o Talbot Co. EMS, 29041 Corkran Rd, Easton, MD, 21601. Call or email us with any questions or confirmation requests (410) 820-8311 or winterfest@talbotdes.org

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14th Miltenberger Emergency Services Seminar

***NEW Date:* March 11 & 12, 2016**

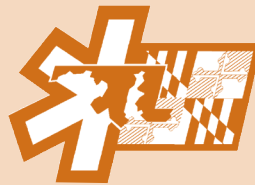
***NEW Location:* Rocky Gap
Casino Resort - Flintstone, MD**

Look for the brochure and website coming soon!



MIEMSS Region IV Administrator John Barto receives a plaque recognizing his assistance for 25 years of service to the Peninsula Regional Medical Center's Topics in Trauma Conference during their recent program.

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